during the last three years are estimated as follows :—

Year	Estimated savings in High Speed Diesel oil consumption in Kilolitres	Percentage of estimated savings to the estimated total High Speed Diesel oil consumed in the country
1982-83	549080	3·82
1983-84	576553	3·82
1984-85	584186	3·56

Unreserved travel scheme

1727. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have introduced an unreserved travel scheme;

(b) which are the zones where this scheme has been introduced; or proposed to be introduced; and

(c) what are the reasons for introducing such a scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Prior to 1981, there was no unreserved accommodation in a large number of long distance Mail/Express trains. In March 1981, it was decided to attach 2 unreserved coaches on each of these trains to facilitate passengers travelling at last minute. This policy has been implemented on most of the trains except Rajdhani Expresses.

Study on accidents

1728 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Road Transport Council along with another organisation made a study on the road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, what are their findings and what is the number of accidents per 10,000 vehicles; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to combat the problems of accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The National Transportation Planning and Research Centre, Trivandrum have recently conducted a study on accidents-prone locations along National Highways in Kerala.

(b) On the basis of accident-data, the NATPAC has identified 23 accident-prone locations along national highways in Kerala for further study and for formulating improvement plans. The study also revealed that 33% of the accidents involved heavy vehicles and 25% involved pedestrians. The general studies of road accidents indicate that defects in the vehicle, the driver and the road are contributory factors of road accidents.